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LIBERIA.

Report of plague on West Coast of Africa.

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES,
Monrovia, Liberia, June 7, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit to you the intelligence that while at the executive mansion this afternoon (the occasion being the reception of the newly appointed Netherlands' consul, J. Vieweg, esq., by his excellency the President and the cabinet) I learned that the French Ivory Coast Colony of the West Coast of Africa is infested with a most dreadful plague—something similar to the recent bubonic plague of India. It is having a most fatal effect upon those who are unfortunately attacked. It is reported that between 200 and 300 persons, including three European physicians, have recently fallen victims of the dreaded disease at Grand Bassam, French Ivory Coast Colony, adjacent to Liberia on the east and British Gold Coast Colony on the west. The trend of the disease is eastward. All homeward-bound German steamers are quarantined against taking any African passengers to Germany.

Yours, respectfully,
 The honorable the SECRETARY OF STATE.

OWEN L. W. SMITH.

MEXICO.

Weekly report from Mexico City.

MEXICO, MEXICO, *July 4, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to make my weekly report as follows: As stated in my letter to you of July 3, it was my intention to start to-day for San Luis Potosi, Monterey, and Tampico, but after calling with the consul-general upon the governor of the federal district of Mexico, whose cooperation the ambassador informed us was absolutely necessary to successful quarantine work in the Republic, I was informed that permission to operate in Mexico would probably be granted by the secretary of the interior by Wednesday (July 5th). The result of this is a delay of three days in the establishing of inspecting and disinfecting stations at Monterey and San Luis Potosi. As far as the City of Mexico is concerned everything is ready with the exception of the identification coupons and baggage tags. The identification of passengers from Vera Cruz, however, presents a great many difficulties, as the inclosed letter from Acting Assistant Surgeon Hodgson will show. I find that my original plan of making out lists daily of hotel arrivals in Mexico and Vera Cruz and forwarding them to the officers on the frontier will have to be adopted. This, of course, will not be entirely efficient, but it is the only plan possible under the conditions here. I inclose a copy of the circular issued at my request by the Mexican Railway Company. I would respectfully suggest that the sanitary inspectors be directed to enforce their rules to the limit, as by this means the railroads may be brought to see the urgent need of quicker action in getting ready for the identification plan. As soon as the railroads print their blanks, I will send the Texas frontier inspectors all the details necessary to complete operations.

Respectfully, yours,

L. E. COFER,
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